

1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

2 FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

3 HOUSTON DIVISION

4 UNITED STATES § CASE NO. 4:15-cr-00566
5 § HOUSTON, TX
6 VERSUS § THURSDAY,
§ MARCH 3, 2016
LEE ROY VILLARREAL § 12:09 PM TO 12:12 PM

7 PRE-TRIAL PROCEEDINGS

8 BEFORE THE HONORABLE MARY MILLOY
9 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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1 HOUSTON, TEXAS; THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016; 12:09 P.M.

2 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Villarreal, come forward.
3 Tell me your full name, sir.

4 MR. VILLARREAL: Lee Roy Villarreal.

5 THE COURT: You don't have to lead down, Mr.
6 Villarreal. Do you need the assistance of the interpreter?

7 MR. VILLAREAL: No.

8 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Villarreal, you were arrested
9 in California and the judge there told you what your charges
10 were.

11 Do I understand you want to hire your own lawyer?

12 MR. VILLAREAL: Yes. Well, he's my cousin, so.

13 THE COURT: He's your ex-cousin?

14 MR. VILLAREAL: He's my cousin.

15 THE COURT: He's your cousin. I didn't know how you
16 could have an ex-cousin. Who is it?

17 MR. VILLAREAL: Daniel Garcia.

18 THE COURT: Daniel Garcia. And here's the problem,
19 Mr. Villarreal, do you know if Mr. Garcia is allowed to
20 practice in the federal court?

21 MR. VILLAREAL: He's a federal criminal attorney.

22 THE COURT: He is? Okay. And where does he live?

23 MR. VILLAREAL: Rio Grande City.

24 THE COURT: Rio Grande City.

25 Do you know Mr. Garcia?

1 MS. ALANIZ: Yes.

2 MR. VILLAREAL: Yes, I do.

3 THE COURT: Has he contacted you about the case?

4 MR. VILLAREAL: Not yet. No, he has not contacted me
5 at all.

6 THE COURT: Okay. What I will do is set your case
7 for Monday at 10:00 for what we call counsel determination.
8 Mr. Garcia needs to be here. It's a different courtroom. It's
9 the courtroom across the hall -- no, it's down the hall. Judge
10 Stacy, right? 10:00 for counsel determination. Your cousin,
11 if he's going to represent you -- why would he represent you?

12 MR. VILLAREAL: He already told me he was going to.

13 THE COURT: For free?

14 MR. VILLAREAL: Well, he's my cousin.

15 THE COURT: He must be a good cousin. All right.
16 How old are you, Mr. Villareal?

17 MR. VILLAREAL: Thirty-one.

18 THE COURT: Thirty-one. And your family is in Rio
19 Grande City?

20 MR. VILLAREAL: They're in McAllen.

21 THE COURT: McAllen. Do you know your cousin's
22 number?

23 MR. VILLAREAL: I know his paralegal's number.

24 Because I --

25 THE COURT: Okay. Give Ms. -- you gave it already?

1 Okay. We'll call him and tell him he needs to be here Monday
2 at 10:00 so you can plead not guilty to the charge and your
3 trial date can be set. All right?

4 And you call him, or his paralegal, or your mother,
5 or somebody, call somebody, from this building.

6 MR. VILLAREAL: Okay. Thank you.

7 THE COURT: When did you get to Houston?

8 MR. VILLAREAL: Just right now. I got to Houston
9 yesterday, but then they took me to Corpus.

10 THE COURT: Conway. Corpus?

11 MR. VILLAREAL: Yeah, to get to Coastal Bend.

12 MARSHAL: It was a mix-up. He got here just in time.

13 MR. VILLAREAL: I've been coming from California like
14 (indiscernible).

15 THE COURT: All right. Before you fall asleep, call
16 your mother, tell her to call Mr. Garcia.

17 MR. VILLAREAL: Can I call my wife?

18 THE COURT: Okay. Your wife. Call your wife. But
19 the marshals have a thousand people.

20 MR. VILLAREAL: I understand, ma'am.

21 THE COURT: So don't waste your phone call. All
22 right. Thank you. All right.

23 MR. VILLAREAL: Thank you.

24 THE COURT: Thank you. Thank you.

25 (Hearing adjourned at 12:12 p.m.)

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